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### MAKING DEAD ACCOUNTS PAY UP

by Milton H. Rosenzweig, D. D. S.

WHAT ARE YOU doing about the long-standing, little debts that plague your bookkeeping and aggravate your spirit?

Many dentists shrug off these delinquent accounts as "hopeless," or "too small to bother about." Yet, other dentists have received all the money due them—in some cases as much as \$500—without using much time, effort, or money. They know through personal experience that it is foolish to wipe such debts off the record, when there is a simple court procedure for dentists to get the funds that are coming to them.

I refer to the small claims court.

It is set up to relieve the professional man and the small tradesman. Procedures vary, but all small claims courts are informal. Usually, the dentist makes a personal visit to the clerk of the court to file a complaint

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of non-payment of a bill. The dentist tells the court the debtor's name, address, the amount and the period for which dental care was given, and how long the bill is owing. He advances \$1.25 per complaint, and he is told then and there when to come for the hearings.

Two advantages of the small claims court are the simple procedures and the low costs. The court sends out an official summons to notify the patient of the claim, and to tell him he must come to court for the hearing. This summons is a court document which cannot be safely ignored. The form

is sent by registered mail, return receipt requested. It
goes out on stationery bearing the seal
of the court. The
patient receiving
such a notice can
either pay his bill
and avoid an appearance, or else
show up in court.

Forty-five per cent of all professional users of New York City's small claims court are dentists. About 35 per cent of their cases are settled without even going to trial. Most dental claims are settled promptly because the patients prefer to pay up right away and not come to court. What happens to those who do come to court?

The proceedings are not involved in length. The judge talks to both sides, gets the story from patient and dentist. Rules of evidence are not used, there are no pleadings, no lawyers, no delays. Generally, the judge is anxious to settle cases, delves right to the root of the matter, and usually succeeds

Now, how does all this work out for the dentist? The records of New York City's small claims court show that 45 percent of all professional users are dentists. About 35 percent of their cases are settled without even going to trial. Fees reclaimed by the court for dentists range between \$10 and \$25. Even small debts that the dentist doesn't ordinarily bother to follow can be settled through the court. Dentists easily clear up bills for \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00. More dentists

### SUMMONS TO DELINQUENTS

Thomas A. Beaudry, clerk of the New York small claims court, cites a section from the city's summons which is considered one of the best aspects of the procedure.

It is the paragraph providing for time-payment in these words, "If you admit the claim, but desire time to pay, you must appear personally on the day set for the hearing, state to the court that you desire time to pay, and show your reason for desiring time to pay."

in getting the patients to admit their indebtedness. Arrangement is then made for payment, often on an installment basis, sometimes as little as 50c weekly.

If a debtor refuses to come to court or defaults in his payments, judgment is automatically entered against him and follows the usual legal procedure. All costs in a small claims court are born by the defendant. He pays the \$1.25 which the dentist put up when filing the case. The court does allow \$5.00 for an attorney, if the dentist wishes one, and that, too, is borne by the debtor.

use the courts than physicians or any other class of professionals.

Many New York dentists, who seem to prefer Friday as a day of from their offices, come to the court regularly on Fridays to file claims one week for court action the next. By coming to the court weekly on their "vacation" day, some of these dentists clear up as many as 20 or 30 cases, which have been outstanding for several years.

You can discover whether there is a court in your community by getting in touch with the court of minor jurisdiction, whatever the division's name. Suppose you live both settle small

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Delinquent dental accounts, "too small to bother about," can be settled readily through small claims courts.



in a state that has not yet arranged for small claims courts — what then? It should be a comparatively easy matter to join in with physicians and try to get your state legislature to install such a court.

Small claims courts are spreading because of their value to the smaller tradesman and to the professional man. All states do not have them, but a number do. There are these special courts in Ohio, Massachusetts, Washington, Utah, California, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Idaho, South Dakota, and Nevada. New York City opened its first small claims court in 1934, but the first one in the country was started in Topeka, Kansas, in 1913.

#### Procedure Varies

The different states have varied procedures. There is no set rule as to the amount a claim must be to come within the small claims court. Their use is optional, as an alternative to regular trial, and therefore recourse to them automatically eliminates trial by jury. Such courts help the state by keeping the judicial docket free of a mass of small debt cases, by cutting down the length of suits and saving costs, and by avoiding trials.

The dentist is benefited because he has ready access to a court which understands his problems, welcomes even his smallest cases, expedites their course, and obtains long-overdue money.

Does use of the court antagonize patients? Many, it is true, are aggravated because the dentist has haled them into court, even though some may admit it is for just cause. These patients pay their bills through the court procedure but are lost to the dentist. However, they were lost to him long before.

When it comes to debts, patients stay away from the dentist because they have no intention of paying, or else because they are ashamed to face him. Without the court, it is unlikely either of these types would voluntarily come back to the dentist. Some few of those hesitant to call on the practitioner, because they owe him money, might conceivably return as patients, but the dead-beats certainly won't. The question is, does he want them to?

The important point is that reasonable, fair-minded patients brought into touch, after a long lapse, with the dentist, usually own up, following an experience in the small claims court, that the treatment was harsh but deserved. Those people more often than not return as better paying patients. They are, of course, the desirable ones he'd like to have come back to his care.

Lest the question of ethics deter a dentist from using the services of the court, it may be said that it is entirely right and proper for a dentist who has fulfilled his side of the bargain to insist that the patient's side of the bargain be carried out also. Of course, recourse to the court should be a last resource.

In fact, dentists who try all other collection means and then use the small claims court do a service to fellow practitioners in disciplining the habitual debtor who shops for dentists, runs up a bill according to the individual dentist's toleration point, and then goes on to work the same racket on the next too-easy dentist.

All in all, the small claims cound offers dentists the simplest, most effective method for recovering gold from the scrap heap of lost accounts.

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### Speaking as a Patient—

There are several situations in the lives of people in which they prefer silence from the telephone: when they are taking a bath, listening to a favorite radio program, or sitting with a full mouth in the dental chair. A busy dentist has a busy telephone, but most of his calls can be expertly handled by his assistant. Those he must take should be brief and business-like. His social conversation should be made at times when no patient sits in the chair, who may be vaguely wondering in his disconfiture if, perchance, the "time-out" for telephoning may be added to his dental bill. But, some of the irritation of the telephone interruptions may be lessened, if the dentist remembers to scrub his hands with great gusto before returning to the dental chair.

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### A BLACKOUT for the NEWSREELS

by Walter H. Jacobs, D. D. S.

ASK ANY DENTIST, dental hygienist, dental assistant, dental supply dealer, drugstore sandwich man, or barber how to make the dear public more favorably dental conscious and no time will be lost in expounding ideas, theories, and suggestions. Ask patients, old patients, "kiddie" patients, transient patients and free family patients, how to make people interested in more and better dentistry, and the answers will flow like soft plaster going past the tonsils. Everybody has ideas on the subject and one idea must be about as good as another, because to date no particular one has brought about the utopian dental dream;

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that is, patients smashing their way through dental office doors for restorative service, preventive service, or home work (instruction in toothbrush drill, gum massage, and dental tape formations).

The motive behind this dissertation is to contribute just one more idea to the already swollen philosophy, to make our devoted public favorably dental conscious. It might entail great financial expenditures, much political maneuvering, and perhaps even further ignite international complications. But if it works, why worry about minor details? We will need much money, because it will be a case of

buying and stopping. No, not buying up the world's supply of tooth-brushes and stopping their sale—so that in time all teeth will decay, and thus dental service will become imperative. This idea, while also suggested for the moment, cannot quite qualify because of what is known as "ethics." Our brainstorm, our great contribution to dental philosophy, our idea, in other words, is to buy, suppress, and destroy all *Newsreels!!* And now for the reasons.

#### A Case History

Take the case of little Gwendolyn going to the special Saturday morning show for children at the "Bijou." After sitting through two reels of "Super-Dope," three reels of "Operator 4Q," a thrilling episode of "The Phantom Ghoul," a travelogue on, "Life in Madagascar," and four reels of "Stupidman,"-then come the newsreels. By this time little Gwendolyn has been well awakened and stimulated, and she is in a most receptive mood. In the newsreel she becomes most interested in the shots of the lions and the bold lion-tamer. After a few tricks over the jumps, the tired, blind, and rheumatic beasts rest backstage, and Professor Greeps, the bold trainer, approaches the lens for a closeup to tell about his daring act. As he talks, Gwendolyn is fascinated at the black, irregular, tobacco-encrusted tombstones, which she takes, correctly, to be his teeth! And the fact that one of his bicuspids wriggles to and fro with each word also lends enchantment to the shot. Now, thinks little Gwendolyn, she too wants nice, funny,

loose teeth! What fun they would be at parties! No more toothbrushing for her. Why the brush might clean the teeth and spoil everything. And so the several months of lectures on oral hygiene that she listened to in school go up in smoke.

Now to another case history. Take little Marmaduke (and you can have him), Gwendolyn's brother. He, too, has seen the show and now eagerly awaits the newsreels. To him the most interesting shot is the setting of a new pole-vault record. A closeup follows, and the new champion tells how he did it. Marmaduke's interest in pole-vaulting is gone as he becomes intrigued by the pictures of a man speaking without front teeth. What funny sounds the man makes, and how cute his tongue looks as it bounces about his mouth! If only he (Marmaduke) could lose all his front teeth, would he be that funny to look at too? And he was almost going to the dentist today! Why that would have been terrible! All that bothers Marmaduke now is how to get rid of his front teeth.

In the evening Ma and Pa take in the show. Ma is on the edge of her seat as she sees a shot of the Duchess De Consomme doing war work in an evening gown. A close up comes next, and in it Her Highness's partial upper starts to rumba as she describes how her fourth chateau was ruined. Occasionally saliva squirts through empty spaces between remaining teeth. But Ma feels that, if such dental conditions are good enough for a duchess, why should she run to make an appointment with old Doc Burrmore, just

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ess, why ppointre, just because he invested two cents in a stamp to inform her that, "Six months have elapsed since your last visit."—?

Pa is anxiously awaiting the newsreels to see and hear Senator Glump, noted farm and agricultural authority, who is sponsoring a bill to fingerprint all boll weevils. The senator talks, close to the camera, but noises emanating from what looks like Howes Caverns cannot be made to resemble good English. This results from the fact that the lower incisors are eroded flush to the gingival margin, and they hash up the vowels too much. This immediately reminds Pa to cancel his appointment with the dentist next week. If Senator Glump doesn't worry about disappearing teeth why should he?

#### Enter Uncle Edgar

Now we come to Uncle Edgar. Uncle Edgar's interest in national and international events is strictly limited to bathing beauty contests. And, as he is a mathematics teacher at the school for backward children, figures do mean something to him. So when they flash a closeup of "Miss Canarsie-1940," Uncle Edgar's pupils start to dilate and his blood pressure becomes bullish. In this particular shot "Miss Canarsie" tells how surprised she was to win, even though she knows that it cost her old man plenty to grease the judges. Now, she, of all the characters in the newsreels, has a beautiful set of ivories, a nice occlusion, form and

color, but who is looking at her teeth! And so as far as arousing any "dental" consciousness is concerned, this shot is a real floperoo!

Of course the movie people could solve the newsreel problem themselves and not worry about their suppression and destruction. This could be done by having trick faces, like masks, ready for all closeups. These phony fronts could be placed over the subject's gargoyled map, and then everybody would look like the "after" photograph usually shown in a successful bite-raising case. Or maybe the newsreel people will be willing to just focus the closeups of the toothless wonders from the neck down.

Anyway, why not form the F.A.C.F.S.D.N., Fellows of the American College For the Suppression and Destruction of Newsreels? Wouldn't that be something distinctive to add to the letterhead the extremely ordinary, D.D.S.? And wouldn't it look swell on all cards, papers, and in obituaries? Membership will be open to all members of the dental and allied professions. We will have big fellows, little fellows, funny fellows, sad fellows, odd fellows, even plain fellows, male and female fellows! This society will surely be as effective as some others whose aim is to tell the dear public not to eat candy, cake, or pastry. The worst that can happen with our F.A.C.F.S.D.N. is that it won't work either!

124 West 93rd Street New York City

### Skill Alone IS NOT ENOUGH

by C. H. Puterbaugh, D. D. S.

To build your practice, interest yourself in every patient, give adequate instruction, and the most complete dental service possible, advises Doctor Puterbaugh.

CAN IT BE THAT thousands of dentists present agreeable personalities to their friends, strive to keep abreast of the latest scientific advances, and fail in their attempts to keep busy?

If you neglect to give your patients adequate instruction in



mouth hygiene, or to impress them with their need for adequate dental care, you are slipping. You should keep accurate records of service given, fees collected, and expenses. You ought to inventory your records at regular intervals, keeping a special file, which informs you whether Mrs. Jones has had that infected tooth extracted, that third molar removed, or a bridge placed where a tooth was extracted some time ago. You should look up a pa-

tient's record when she calls to make an appointment, so that you may be prepared to talk intelligently about her dental problems without that embarrassing delay after her entrance. Make her feel that you are interested in her, even when she is not present.

Do you know how much money your patients spend with you per year? I find that my average patient spends much more money with me now than ten years ago. I believe this average has risen because I am giving a more complete dental service. My patients are having more restorations and bridgework inserted than ten years ago. They are having more defective teeth extracted and more dentures constructed.

An X-ray machine often uncovers defects, and is really essential, because it helps to convince patients that they should have service now, rather than at some nebulous future date. When patients are sent out of the office for roentgenograms, they usually go home and forget all about their teeth.



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A vulcanizer is a helpful gadget. Many laboratories work only five days a week, but you can repair a broken denture on Saturday morning in your own office. To avoid embarrassment on the street, the patient will be glad to wait in your reception room, while this is being done. Some of us send the patient to the laboratory, which may cause the patient to wonder if we are an unnecessary evil, collecting a fee



for a service, which is rendered, not by us, but by the dental laboratory

It is my conviction that patients choose you as their dentist, because they consider you an expert on mouth conditions and, in order to foster this notion, you should attempt to give as complete a dental service as possible. If your patients have to visit another dentist for a more thorough examination than you are prepared to give, or for additional dental treatment, they may wonder why you are less thoroughly prepared or less competent than your colleagues.

Very few dentists own a microscope. Many would not use a microscope if they had one and yet, as many of my colleagues agree, a patient would occasionally benefit by



the examination of a smear. What does a patient think when he reports with a sore mouth, tender gums, or even a sore throat, and you just glance at it perfunctorily and, without reference to any scientific data, assure him that it is not serious? Why not send him to a hospital and make an appointment for him, requesting a microscopic examination of a gingival smear? The laboratory fee is usually about one dollar, and you don't have to guess at the diagnosis. Your prestige will rise also, through your affiliation with a reputable hospital.

There is one angle that many of you overlook, until you are old in experience. You fail to make friends of your school faculty and lose touch with them after graduation. You feel that now you are on your own and must make your own way, unassisted. I believe this is a mistake. Faculty members are always glad to advise you as to the suitability of a certain location and



can often put you in touch with influential people in the community where you settle. Later on they may feel more willing to help you out when you are on the program committee of your local dental society.

Attendance at dental meetings has more to do with a man's practice than is generally realized. Many a man avoids dental meetings because of limited finances, a seventy-five cent or one dollar dinner seeming an unwarranted extravagance, when the same number of calories can be purchased in a beanery for twenty-five cents. Perhaps such dinners are an extravagance, but the lift one experiences from an unusually well-prepared meal, served in an attractive manner, in delightful surroundings, not to mention the fellowship and camaraderie that are inspired should be considered. Six or eight such dinners a year would not be too many to attend. If you see a large group of successful-looking men of your own profession together, the world seems less hard. You can benefit from associating with them, if you wish. Then, you will go back to your office looking and feeling more successful than formerly. Your acquaintances will note this



change in your manner, and you will rate higher with them.

One can, of course, keep up with current events through newspapers and magazines, but if you would like to know what the local dentists think of the town board of health.



or if you want their backing, an excellent method is to bring your subject up for discussion at a regular dental meeting. Are you or your colleagues on a local hospital board? Is your profession represented on hospital day? What about the teeth of the school children? Does the supervisor send relief clients to the low bidder? Why did Mrs. Jones leave you and go to Doctor Brown? Perhaps Doctor Brown will find out for you.

Patients often ask me if I know a certain dentist in another town, and, if I do, I admit it, and this constitutes an additional approach to this patient. If I do not, I also admit it, not only because I wish to be truthful, but because the patient may find out that I do not actually know this other dentist.

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or anything else you may want to know, as well as put in a good word now and then with friends of yours. They'll give expert advice when you have trouble extracting a tooth, tell you how they like a new forceps that was just bought, and visit you when you are sick. Established practitioners do not fear other dentists. Lack of interest in dentistry, lack of faith in the future, and lack of enthusiasm are their most dangerous adversaries.

Always ask the patient if he is seated comfortably. Patients appreciate attention. Welcome him by name, if possible. Children are especially pleased, if greeted by their own names.



Always stand and sit erect, as good posture usually suggests an able or successful dentist to the layman. A slouchy posture or weary tone of voice usually indicates lack of interest and probably means that you are too tired to give good service. Do not allow yourself

to sound weary over the telephone, or annoyed if the patient declares you charge too much. Always remember that patients do not want a dentist who charges too little or seems too easy going.

Do not be saving in regard to laundry. These bills are small items



in your expense account, but pay large dividends.

Try to be positive and even optimistic when you speak. Too many people talk of the bad weather, bad business, bad effects after extraction. Do you feel worse today? Do you think it will rain? I don't think this would be the best time to have my teeth "fixed," don't you think?

Take a vacation occasionally. Patients think you are either a tightwad or a failure if you never take any time off, and sometimes are pleased to find you are not in the office.

Give the impression you are the kind of fellow your patient would like to be.

104 South Race Street Urbana, Illinois

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ORAL HYGIENE will be grateful to readers who change their addresses if they will send both the old and the new address. Please also allow at least two weeks for an address change to become effective.

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### ABOUT DENTISTRY?

To obtain a cross section of patients' dental opinions and habits, the Oklahoma Publishing Company conducted a city-wide survey at the request of the Oklahoma State Dental Society.

Patients were interviewed by trained investigators, who made 300 house-to-house calls in every section of Oklahoma City. Each adult was asked the same questions, and the results obtained by the survey are published here through the courtesy of the Oklahoma Publishing Company.

1. How long has it been since you have been to a dentist?

Length of time since last call	Total	Per cent of Total
6 months or less	155	51.7
7 months through 1 year	78	26.0
13 months through 5 years	52	17.3
Over 5 years	14	4.7
No answer	1	.3

2. Did you go to the same dentist last time as the time before?

220	73.3
77	25.7
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3. If you didn't go to the same dentist, why not?

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Answers		
Patient moved	21	26.9
Poor work by first dentist	12	15.4
1st dentist died	8	10.3
2nd dentist closer (more		
convenient)	8	10.3
1st dentist too expensive	7	9.0
1st dentist moved	4	5.0
Friend urged change	3	3.8
1st dentist hurt	2	2.6
1st dentist was ill	2	2.6
1st dentist retired	2	2.6
1st dentist not prompt with app'ts.	2	2.6
1st dentist not clean	1	1.3
Lack of confidence in 1st dentist	1	1.3
Wanted specialist	1	1.3
No answer	4	5.1

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4. When you find that you need dental work done do you always see a dentist immediately? Total Per cent of Total Answers Yes 149 49.7 151 50.3 No nabits, the 5. What, in your mind, is the reason people ey at the wait so long before seeing a dentist? Answers made 300 Fear of pain 171 48.1 adult was 105 29.6 Expense are pub. 49 13.8 Procrastination Company. 17 4.8 Takes too much time 13 3.7 No answer 6. Do you think an established credit system of Total would induce people to see a dentist more often? Answers 228 Yes 76.0 No 70 23.3 Don't know 2 .7 7. Does your dentist ever inform you in any way when it comes time for your regular routine inspection? Answers Yes 54 18.0 No 82.0 246 8. Do you feel that your dentist has kept up-to-date? Answers Yes 278 92.6 No 14 4.7 No answer 2.7 8

9. Do you think dentists charge too	much for	
their work?		
Answers		
Yes	161	53.7
No	139	46.3
10. Would you read a dental educa-	tional	
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Yes	236	78.7
No	63	21.0
No answer	1	.3



### Taking the Mountain to Mahomet

It Is no longer necessary for the dentists of Tennessee to close their offices and travel long distances to take postgraduate courses. An interesting and carefully organized method of offering postgraduate instruction to dentists has been developed in that state.

For the past two years, the Tennessee State Dental Society and the United States Public Health Service, working through the State

Department of Public Health have been presenting Postgraduate Seminars. In November, 1940, thirty seminar classes were held in nine key cities in Tennessee by M. K. Hine, D.D.S., F. F. Kanthak, D. D. S., M.D., and George

Through postgraduate seminars held in centrally located cities, dentists of Tennessee and adjoining states can now continue their professional study at only a small cost in time and money.

Diefenbach, D.D.S., M.S.; each class met for two full days and discussed the subject of Oral Diagnosis, according to a previously planned outline. An effort was made to provide actual clinical experience in some of the diagnostic procedures, together with an adequate discussion of the field under consideration. This program gave the instructor ample time to present a comprehensive study of the sub-

ject as a unit rather than one small phase of it. It also gave the dentist sufficient time to discuss his owr particular problems and to ask questions at will.

These classes were purposely limited to twenty members, and at-

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tempts were made by the local committees to interest all the dentists in the state and adjoining states, particularly those who seldom attended regular dental meetings. The reaction of the dentists attending this postgraduate seminar in Tennessee was generally favorable and, in some instances, enthusiastic. Approximately one-half of the dentists in Tennessee attended this course. Most of them felt that the seminar did not replace the regular dental society meetings but was definitely a valuable adjunct to them. This type of postgraduate education involves more time, thought, and money than the customary methods of approach. Considerable attention must be given to the organization of classes and the development of publicity for the course.

The expenses of this program were defrayed in part by grants from the State Department of Public Health, and in part by the dentists themselves and the state dental society. Each dentist taking the course paid a fee of \$10.00 for two days of instruction; and each one who completed the course received a suitable diploma certifying that he had attended conscientiously.

Any monetary deficiency remaining for the presentation of the course was defrayed by the Tennessee State Dental Society from its funds. Thus the dentists themselves contributed about 60 per cent of the funds as fees for the course, the State Department of Public Health contributed about 30 per cent, and the Tennessee State Dental Society the remaining 10 per cent.

With more attention paid to the development of these programs, plus a resultant increased interest in this procedure on the part of the practicing dentists, such programs could be planned so that the deficit accruing to the dental society would be very small, if any. The main expenditure in these courses is in fees for the instructors.

It is evident that postgraduate dental education, especially the intensive seminar type, should receive more emphasis in the future. It represents the most productive approach to the problem of continual professional education that has, as yet, been devised and, through careful handling of funds, can be made virtually self-supporting.

### Speaking as a Patient —

It annoys me to have my dentist spend time pulling out the drawers in his instrument cabinet, fumbling around for his pet explorer. I should think it would be much easier if he saw that his instruments were kept in order and avoided that waste "organ playing" motion.

# **Dentist Sponsors Monument to Wyoming Pioneer**

by Herman G. Seely

Because he was forced to be idle for a few weeks, Doctor Frackeltoninterested himself in early Wyoming history. One of the results is a monument to Father DeSmet, a pioneer missionary of Wyoming.

Not far from the Buffalo-Sheridan highway on the shore of the Wyoming lake that bears his name—stands a monument to Pierre-Jean De Smet, Jesuit missionary among the Indians, which owes its existence to the foresight, the energy, and the radio appeal of a pioneer sagebrush dentist—Doctor William Frackelton.

De Smet, a native of Belgium, came to the United States in 1821, entering the Jesuit novitiate at Whitemarsh, Maryland. Years of missionary service among the Indians of the Middle West finally brought him in 1840 to what is now Wyoming. Here during the next twenty years he became known as the peacemaker between the Crows and the Blackfeet and between the whites and the Indians.

Two years ago Doctor Frackelton, a resident of Sheridan, began to take a keen personal interest in the able missionary's career, while



William Frackelton, D.D.S., is show with granite memorial erected in home of Father Pierre-Jean De Smet.

recovering from a broken arm, was during this interval of enforced idleness that Doctor Frackellot took to the air over KWYO with series of reminiscent chats about the old-timers of Sheridan county based on his forty-seven years as resident dentist in the city of Sheridan.

Interest in the series was intense and Doctor Frackelton began be widen the scope of his weekly radio talks. His quest for material ledhin to France Crow In ing a his government on some amounte miles. It ing of the

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to Frank Shively, an educated Crow Indian now engaged in writing a history of his tribe for the government. Shively's grandmother was with Father De Smet on some of his pilgrimages, which amounted in his lifetime to 180,000 miles. It was her story of the coming of the Jesuit into Wyoming that was handed down the generations and given to Doctor Frackelton.

"It struck me," to quote Doctor Frackleton, "as I went along with the story that something should be done about placing a monument to this man's memory and to his achievements."

Accordingly the suggestion went out over the radio waves, to be taken up speedily by a committee of five representative Sheridan and Buffalo citizens. Plans for the 12-ton red granite marker were approved by the State Historical Landmark Commission, the site on the shore of Lake De Smet was donated, and the dedication ceremonies were held late last summer. An impressive and colorful group

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Doctor Frackelton's own career as a dentist has been of more than normal interest. Arriving in 1893, he saw the rise of Sheridan from a wide-open boom town to the thriving community it is today. Some of his early patients and friends included Calamity Jane (in her declining years), "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Frank Grouard, intrepid Indian scout who lived as a captive among the Sioux for seven years, and other characters of a West that is no more.

While his patients now may be less colorful, he is still in active practice and some of the youths who come to him represent the third generation of the families crossing his office threshold. He has delivered more than 100 radio talks without pay, dedicating them to the boys and girls of Northern Wyoming.

700 Kent Road Kenilworth, Illinois

### Speaking as a Patient-

The laundry cost of a clean operating gown is about twenty-five cents. The cost of a blood-spattered, wax-stained, or wrinkled gown may be hundreds of dollars. What a dentist thinks he may save in laundry bills he may lose a hundred-fold in patients driven away. We do not know how scrupulously careful a dentist is in his sterilizing technique or in his operating procedure, but we can, and do, form judgments on things we can observe and that are within the range of our experience. All of us can tell a dirty gown when we see one—no special insight into dentistry is necessary to recognize that.

### "DO YOU KNIT, DOCTOR?"

by Theodore C. Agins, D. D. S.

You are cordially invited to become a charter member of an organization which has no charter. It has no political color, no formal parliamentary character, not even a slate of orating officers. Furthermore, it has no headquarters, no budget, and neither flag nor seal. However, one quality it does have—a potential membership of several hundred million people. Your particular chapter, however, will be small, for it is the Dental Division of a national non-existent organization, the Society To Aid America.

Can you qualify for membership? Yes, if you like decent American ways. Yes, if you believe with the rest of us that man's faith in liberty, tolerance and good will is the permanent franchise to better living. For your information, signing up (you need neither pen nor ink), is a simple procedure. Can you say yes, that you love freedom and that you believe mercy and compassion far greater attributes to good character than a ruthless malevolence? Yes? Then you have accepted the invitation and you are welcomed as a charter member in our charterless, nebulous, all-powerful Society.

Your password—"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."

Your creed?—You have stoutly maintained your belief in Democracy and now you have volunteered to stand on your own two feet and do your share of fighting for it. You will not be alone. One hundred and sixty million Americans will stand up with you, but your own committee will consist of only a paltry sixty-six thousand members.

You will not be required to knit, nor to prepare bundles. You will not be dunned for cash contributions; you will not be asked to forego the niceties of life. On the contrary, you will be asked to help share many of those nice things with others.

Your sphere of activity is well defined; you can help today. Your neighbor at this time is in a jam. He has been conscripted to serve his country and as such must sacrifice his individual life in order to perfect this great American military machine.

Start in your own office to save America. When you decide that your patient, now a conscript in the nation's armed forces, deserves greater consideration, then you have righteously declared your determination to contribute your bit to our charterless Society.

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<sup>\*</sup>The Dental Outlook, 28:7 (January) 1941.

matter what you contract to do for your conscript patients, do it betbattle begins at home. Your own

office can be a segment of our fight against the totalitarian tinpots. ter for a lower fee. Democracy's Let's show them that Democracy works-and damned well, too.

### Dental Meeting Dates

Southern Dental Association, annual meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 17-18.

Alabama Dental Association, seventy-second annual meeting, Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, April 8-10.

Louisiana State Dental Society, sixty-first annual meeting, Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, May 1-3.

New Jersey State Dental Association, annual meeting, Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, Asbury Park, May 7-9.

Illinois State Dental Society, Pierre Marquette Hotel, Peoria, May 12-15.

Tennessee State Dental Association, seventy-fourth annual meeting, Hotel Andrew Johnson, Knoxville, May 12-15.

The Dental Society of the State of New York, annual meeting, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, May 13-16.

Georgia State Dental Association, seventy-third annual meeting, Hotel DeSoto, Savannah, May 19-21.

The Alumni Society of the Philadelphia Dental School, seventy-eighth annual session, Temple University School of Dentistry, May 21-22.

Pennsylvania State Dental Society, seventy-third annual meeting, Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, June 3-5.

South Dakota State Dental Society, fifty-ninth annual meeting, Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, June 15-17.

Mississippi State Dental Association, annual meeting, Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, June 9-11.

Northeastern Dental Society, twenty-seventh annual convention, New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, June 8-11.

Utah State Dental Association, fifty-first annual meeting, Salt Lake City, June 26-28.

Montreal Dental Club, seventeenth annual fall clinic, Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, September 24-26.

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## Military and Defense News

Medico-Military Conferences: Dental Reserve Officers of the Detroit area are expected to attend medico-military conferences every Wednesday evening in the Federal Building. According to Major John G. Slevin, M. D., Medical officer for the Michigan Military Area, these conferences are designed to prepare Reserve officers for active duty with the Regular Army. Although many dental officers have the impression that training other than in purely dental matters is not for them, the contrary is true. The Army dentist, Major Slevin explains, may temporarily become battalion surgeon or assistant operator or even commander of a medical detachment; hence every type of military training is vital to the dental officer.

Among the subjects on the agenda for these medico-military conferences are: Defense against chemical warfare, the study of communications, map reading, elementary reconnaissance for Medical Battalion "Ground," the combat team in attack and defense; S. O. S.—problem of medical supplies in the theater of operations; field treatment of the wounded and of gas casualties.

Medical Replacement Center: Camp Grant, at Rockford, Illinois, one of the best-known world war establishments for enlistment and demobilization, is to become one of the two army medical replacement centers in the United States, specializing in medical corps service. Besides providing special training for men with aptitude for medical service, dental assistants, X-ray technicians, and laboratory aids, will be given opportunities to develop their own skills in line with Army requirements. The training schedule calls for a maximum of thirteen weeks in the camp.

Damage to Dental Offices: The War Council has before it reports of some forty cases of London practitioners, many of whom were members of the Association, whose offices have been severely damaged, in some cases rendered completely untenable as the result of enemy action.<sup>1</sup>

Rise in Dental Costs: The Editor of The British Dental Journal has this to say on the scale of fees:

"The basis on which the scale (of dental fees) was negotiated has been so radically altered by the sharp rise in price of dental materials and the considerable increases which have taken place in the other expenses of conducting practice that some adjustment of the scale is necessary if the dental profession is not to continue carrying an altogether unfair proportion of the common burden . . . the percentage increase in costs for each practice was ascertained and it was found that, after making proper allowances for every item of expenditure, the general average (of increase) appeared to be in the neighborhood of 10 per cent.

"It will be a considerable shock to the whole profession to learn that . . . the Minister of Health and the Secretary of

<sup>1</sup>The British Dental Journal, London, 69:332 (November 1,); 69:444 (December 16) 1940. At Chica American vision of paredness mailed yo ciation, 2

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At Chicago headquarters, dental preparedness questionnaires sent out by the American Dental Association are being classified and tabulated under the supervision of Gerald D. Timmons, D.D.S., secretary of the Committee on Dental Preparedness. Only 60 per cent of the questionnaires have been returned. Have you mailed yours? If you do not have one, write for it today to the American Dental Association, 212 East Superior Street, Chicago.

State for Scotland . . . have decided that no change in the regulations is called for at the present time. This decision means that dentists, many of whom have suffered drastic reductions in the demand for their services on account of the evacuation of their patients and all of them a reduction in their real remuneration as a result of the general rise in the cost of living, are to be called upon to bear the whole of the increased costs of providing treatment for insured persons."<sup>2</sup>

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From the A.I. F. in Africa: With unwitting generosity the Italians have supplied the Australian Imperial Forces dental corps with useful additions to its equipment in the shape of well-equipped mobile dental clinics, according to a dispatch from Cairo published in the Den-

tal Mirror of Australia. These clinics were part of a considerable number taken off an Italian ship recently captured in the Mediterranean. Each clinic is contained within a trailer, which has now been adapted for towing by A. I. F. trucks. Thus, much time and effort will be saved, because dental treatment can now be carried on in forward areas without the necessity of bringing patients back to base hospitals.

### ATTENTION, READERS!

With this issue ORAL HYCIENE inaugurates a regular monthly department devoted exclusively to military and
defense news as it relates to dentistry.
Rapid developments are now underway,
and we ask our readers to aid us in reporting them. Please send significant
items of national interest relating to our
defense program to the Editor, ORAL HYGIENE, 708 Church Street, Evanston,
Illinois.

Editorial, The British Dental Journal, 69:365-66 (November 15) 1940.

### Editorial Comment

Give Me The Liberty To Know, To Utter, And To Argue Freely According To My Conscience Above All Liberties.

John Milton

### Smoking Up the Issue

Take a look at the advertising copy reproduced on the opposite page and then try to figure out what is behind the scare headlines. Look for the hidden meaning back of the eagle in full flight, the reaching hands, the forceful pen, the happy little family. Try to answer the question, "Why such excitement and flag waving to defeat a dental bill?"

The copy shown on the opposite page actually appeared in many of the newspapers in Arizona. In 1939 the legislature of that state passed and the Governor signed a bill governing dental advertising. At the instigation of some newspaper publishers this measure was placed in referendum before the people of Arizona in November, 1940. By methods represented in the accompanying copy, using all the old tricks of shouting to protect and defend freedom, rights, and liberties, with the ancient rallying cry, "Down with dictators and tyrants," the people of Arizona were emotionalized and frightened. By a heavy vote, they recorded an overwhelming "No." Thus the measure for the control of dental advertising was lost.

This Arizona experience is an isolated event only in respect to time. Other newspaper publishers throughout the country probably smiled with some satisfaction when the victory over the people and the dentists of Arizona was announced. In other states dentists may expect attacks to be made against dental laws now on the statute books. The attacks will not be forthright and direct wherein the papers will state the case honestly; namely, that they oppose anti-advertising dental laws because of the dangerous precedent that might be established to curtail other forms of advertising, and that such curtailment would endanger the revenue of the papers and make it impossible for them to do as thorough and as independent a job of covering and

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presenting the news. That kind of statement is truthful but not one that will excite voters. Emotionalizing the issue is the first law of the propagandist. Dentists who are used to thinking in objective and scientific patterns are no match for the propagandists. Some day we, as a profession, will learn to fight propaganda with its own weapons.

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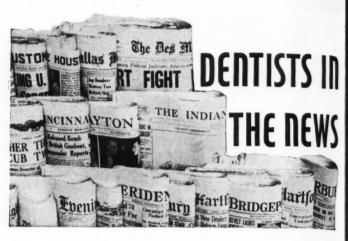
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Saint Louis (Missouri) Globe-Democrat: Robert N. LeCron, former Saint Louis dentist, escaped death by four minutes, when he walked out of his home in London's fashionable West End just before it was demolished by a Nazi bomb. He cabled news of the destruction of his home, which also housed his dental office, to a friend in Saint Louis, where he lived before going to London in 1904. Doctor LeCron is president of the Dental Society of Europe and for a number of years was dentist to the King of Belgium.

San Antonio (Texas) Evening News:
James P. Hollers, San Antonio dentist
and major in the Dental Reserve Corps,
has been named president of the National Reserve Officers Association.
Formal installation ceremonies were
conducted recently at Gunter Hotel, and
the oath of office administered to Doctor Hollers by Colonel W. B. Tuttle, a
trustee of the National Association.
Ranking generals and post commanders,
as well as all regular Army and reserve
officers in the San Antonio area, were

special guests at the ceremonies. Doctor Hollers, who is president of the San Antonio Board of Education, is the first from the Dental Reserve Corps and also the first from Texas to hold the national presidency.

Cleveland (Ohio) News: A patent on a bait-casting pistol designed to make an expert fisherman out of the most ineffective amateur, has just been granted to a Cleveland dentist, John C. Shotton, 1079 Forest Cliff Road, Lakewood. Deeter Shotton spent years learning how to cast before he finally turned his attention.



tion to devising a method of casting that is simple enough for even a child. In the pistol, designed by the dentist, is a red of line. The fisherman aims it at the spot where he thinks a fine big bass might be lurking, pulls the trigger, and March, 19 the lure l aimed. Th line, pulls

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Red Bluff (California) News: A practicing dentist for sixty years continuously, fifty of them in Red Bluff, Doctor N. I. Boone, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on Christmas Day by greeting the men and women who had been his patients since they were children. He was the first president of the California State Dental Association.

Louisville (Kentucky) Courier-Journal: In a recent broadcast over Station WHAS, Raymond E. Myers, research dentist at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, described the pains-



taking and highly scientific process by which he casts gold dragonflies, for diversion from casting inlays. It requires, Doctor Myers explained, about \$45.00 or \$50.00 worth of gold to cast a solid gold adult dragonfly, which makes an attractive gold lapel pin, although spiders and crickets can be handled more cheaply. Through research in this art, Doctor Myers has discovered that Benvenuto Cellini, the famous Renaissance goldsmith and artist, used a method almost exactly like the one modern dentists employ for the castings he made in gold and other metals. While he creates his expensive ornaments, Doctor Myers is experimenting with different temperatures, pressures, and conditions so that any improvements in procedure may be applied to dentistry.

Boston (Massachusetts) Traveler: Although he was forced by illness to give up his successful dental practice in Boston three years ago, Edwin N. Kent has been far from inactive mentally. Besides writing books and scientific articles on dental subjects at his Rockport home, he has now begun to write fiction with promising results. Unable to operate an ordinary typewriter, he has had a custom-built electric machine with a supersensitive keyboard installed in his home. Before his illness Doctor Kent held offices in the leading dental societies of the country and lectured throughout the United States and England.

Great Falls (Montana) Tribune: Because for ten years he gave free Thanksgiving banquets for local newsboys, W. H. Barth, pioneer Great Falls dentist, was the guest of honor at a surprise banquet at the Park hotel, given him by local business and professional men who had been his guests at similar dinners, when they carried Great Falls papers in the years between 1906 and 1915.

Chicago (Illinois) Daily Tribune: On his fifty-seventh birthday F. J. Conboy, a dentist, was elected mayor of Toronto, Canada, climaxing his twelve years in the city council.

Dallas (Texas) Morning News: To Leo Wesley Allred, 34-year old dentist, goes the 1940 award for the most distinguished service by a young man to Dallas. It was presented by the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce at a banquet given in his honor, because of the outstanding service Doctor Allred has given to the poor. For the past five years he has donated his spare time at the Wesley Community Center in Little Mexico.

Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch: Unhappy because so many poor children in Onawa, Iowa, and vicinity, received no toys for Christmas, H. W. Snyder, a dentist,



decided four years ago that he would do something about it. He began by restoring lost glamour to a few old toys, which he gave some deserving children. The project aroused interest. Citizens, clubs, and schools began to aid in the collection of old toys. Last Christmas Doctor Snyder delivered 360 reconditioned toys and dolls to children in 66 families.

Racine (Wisconsin) Journal-Times Bulletin: Eight years ago when the old Racine City bank was closed by order of the State Banking Commission, Harry

G. W. Voss, a dentist, was made chair. man of the depositors' committee to aid in the liquidation process. Untrained in banking, Doctor Voss was somewhat desperate over the intricacies of the situation he faced. He decided, however, to take a college course in banking and finance and make practical use of it at the bank. Because he was new in the business, he frequently balked at rulings of the State Banking Commission. If an order didn't seem in the best interest of the depositors, he and the other trustees went to court, and in several instances had the Banking Commission reversed. Results were astonishing to the depositors. Last dividends were declared by the bank a short time ago. All depositors were notified by letter that the trustees had recouped 93 per cent of the original assets, listing only 7 per cent for bad accounts and liquidation expenses. Now the only serious problem is to get the last of the depositors to come in and pick up several hundred dollars in checks that are still unclaimed.

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Miss Mildred Groetzinger, 1430 Washington Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

#### CAN YOU USE A DOLLAR?

To every reader who contributes a newsworthy item, something unusual about a dentist, which is published in this department, we will send promptly a crisp, new one dollar bill. Every clipping must be taken from a newspaper and carry the name of the publication and the date line. Clippings submitted cannot be returned. When more than one copy of a clipping is submitted, the first one received will be used. Send all items to: Dentists in the News, Oral Hygiene, 708 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois.

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### **Procaine Dermatitis**

Q—I am writing you to ask if you know of many cases of dermatitis among the members of our profession caused by handling procaine, and if so, what methodds have been taken to overcome the condition?

I am in my sixties, and have been practicing many years. About six weeks ago the tip of my left index finger became slightly rough where I use it to palpate the area for a mandibular injection. It became worse despite my using ointments of various kinds with a finger cot at night. Soon white scales formed under the nail and these would crack apart when I cleaned my nails and leave a sore fingertip. Gradually this would improve but never entirely heal before another exacerbation developed.

I am compelled to use finger cots all the time now when operating, because of appearance and also to minimize the irritation, and still the condition grows more serious.

One of my colleagues tells me he has suffered similarly and that he knows of others who have been so affected. He says I will not get relief from the condition so long as I have procaine in the office. I never thought I was allergic to anything, especially to this anesthetic.

If I have to eliminate procaine, which I use almost entirely in the placing of restorations as well as for extractions; what can I substitute? Is there any other local anesthetic that is put up in carpules that I can inject?—G. A. P., Michigan.

A.—You evidently have procaine dermatitis, and, for a good many years, we have felt that the only effective remedy was to give up the use of procaine. However, a number of our correspondents have assured us that they have controlled this condition, some with one thing, some with another.

One suggests the use of powdered sulphur:

"Get some plain powdered sulphur and make a paste by using some oil substance (I use vaseline with the sulphur). Just apply to affected parts. You will get relief in twenty-four hours. If you will use rubber gloves when using procaine your trouble will be all over. I use rubber gloves in all cases where I use procaine or any of our local anesthetics."

Another recommends paraffin and white vaseline:

"Heat equal parts of paraffin and white vaseline. Rub well on the affected parts before using the needle and before retiring at night. Wipe your hands with a dry towel before attending a patient. The vaseline lubricates and the paraffin closes the pores. Never use the needle without first using this on the hands. This mixture eliminates the painful areas in a few weeks, but the applications must be continued, especially before using the needle; use until all symptoms of soreness have disappeared, sometimes for three or four years. This is to pre-

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#### Halitosis

Q-I had a young lady in my office the other day who has a severe case of halitosis.

She appears to be a healthy girl about 18. She has been to several physicians but they were unable to give her any relief.

I should like to have your opinion on the case.—G. A. C., North Dakota.

A.—It has long been recognized that one source of a fetid breath is the mouth. A recent article¹ deals with the correction of this condition by means of brushing the teeth. The article shows that brushing the teeth does reduce mouth odors.

Digestive disturbances are often the cause of an offensive breath and of these the lack of hydrochloric acid in the stomach is fairly com-

Certain conditions of the bronchial tubes result in bad breath and, in such a case, the bad breath is difficult to remedy.

Atrophic rhinitis results in the most offensive breath I have ever encountered, but that condition is ordinarily found in an older person, and the peculiar odor would be quickly recognized by most physicians.

Prinz and Greenbaum<sup>2</sup> list the sources of offensive breath as follows:

1. Causes arising from purely dental conditions, i. e., the teeth, ar-

tificial dental substitutes and the gingival tissues.

2. Causes arising from diseases of the soft structures of the oral cavity.

3. Causes arising from diseases of the naso-pharyngeal region,

4. Causes arising from bronchopulmonary diseases.

5. Causes arising from the digestive tract.

 Causes arising from certain metabolic, infectious, febrile and genito-urinary diseases.

7. Causes arising from the presence of absorbed drugs or poisons.

8. Causes arising from foods, condiments and stimulants. – George R. Warner.

#### Phagocytic Action

Q.—I should appreciate any information, which you could give me, on the following question:

In caries involving the dentine, is in possible for the polymorphonuclear leakocytes or the large mononuclear phasecytes of the blood to pass from the capilaries of the pulp, migrate through the dentinal tubules, and phagocytize their vading bacteria? If not, is there a possibility that the dentinal tubules are to small to permit this passage?—B. S. Virginia.

A.—Polymorphonuclear leukocytes or mononuclear phagocytes are much too large to penetral dentinal tubules and phagocytis invading bacteria within the detinal tubuli.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

#### **Bleeding Gums**

Q.—Enclosed you will find a fit mouth set of roentgenograms, representing the teeth of a woman of 25.8 is slightly underweight. Over a period two and a half years that I have know this patient she has had recurrent tacks of bleeding of the gums, which readily cease upon the systematic use any of the three accepted anti-spirodimedicaments; namely, the arsenical mercury, and peroxide or chromic as in conjunction with mercurochrome.

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condition completely disappears for a time and, then without any apparent cause, the bleeding recurs.

Her basal metabolism test shows—3 per cent; her blood calcium 10.5 mgs., and there is no sign of anemia in the blood picture. What I would like to know is, after you compare the right mandible with the left mandible, is there a cyst erident; and, after comparing the upper right molar area with the upper left molar area, would you say that there is any periapical pathology?

In looking at the roentgenograms as a whole and noticing the gradual elimination of and the constriction of the pulp chambers and the moth-eaten appearance of the upper jaw posteriorly and the rarefied picture of the mandible posteriorly, would you consider this an osteodystrophic condition?—R. M. B., Pennsylvania.

A.—You are quite right that there is evidence of osteoporosis in the case presented. This is particularly noticeable on the mandible. However the basal metabolic rate would seem to discredit this interpretation.

There is enough alveolar atrophy in the maxillary molar and bicuspid regions to account for the bleeding of the gingivae, particularly when one considers the loss of contacts, with probable food impactions

In light of the good blood picture I can think of no other cause of the bleeding unless the woman is a cigarette smoker. In such a case we have had recurrent Vincent's infections, which have cleared up upon abstinence from smoking.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

### Ill-fitting Denture

Q.—I am sending you a lower denture model and should appreciate your help in solving a denture problem.

This case, at first, looked like a reasonably good one, but after making it and the upper also, I found the lower was always bobbing up anteriorly.

I took the denture and placed compound in it and had the patient bite into it and made another case, but the lower denture still bobs up anteriorly.

I tried considerable muscle trimming but it is just the same. I tried making it long and deep along the flanges but still it bobs up. Is there any help for this case—L. L., Pennsylvania.

A.—The lower denture that bobs up in your patient's mouth is probably overextended, especially across the labial surface. Your cast looks as though the muscle attachments start high toward the crest of the ridge on the labial and, in some of these cases, the lip tends to push back so that the labial flange should not only be very short but thin to prevent the denture being lifted by the lip movement.

A wax that softens at body temperature, would probably give you a more satisfactory muscles trimmed rebasing impression than the compound.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

#### Loss of Speech

Q—I should appreciate knowing what you think of the following case:

One of my patients, a man, about 45, had some soreness and a little swelling in the region of the lower right molars. There was some recession of gum tissue but nothing to outwardly indicate anything out of the ordinary. I extracted all three of the molars, using the mandibular injection. There was considerable excementosis on each tooth removed making them a bit more difficult to extract than ordinarily, yet there was no fracturing of tooth or process; therefore, very little, if any, traumatism. The day following the patient returned with no more swelling than before the removal, no postoperative pain, and the tissues apparently in good condition. But here is what had happened, the man could not speak a word and to date has not been able to utter a sound. He complained of some soreness and pain in the tongue and throat, which is clearing up, but there is no return of speech.

The patient is working every day and says that he is stronger and feels better in every way than before the teeth were removed. I am interested to know what has caused the loss of speech and some-

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A.—This loss of speech following an extraction is something new to me. It is hard to believe that his voice is actually lost, or, if it is, that the tooth extraction is the cause. I venture to say that he only thinks he cannot speak and that if he were sufficiently shocked or startled his voice would come back as suddenly as it left. A physician friend whom I consulted about this case has diagnosed it as a possible case of hysteria.—V. C. SMEDLEY.

#### Belladonna

Q—I recently heard of a dentist making a statement to a patient that belladonna, which her physician had prescribed, was responsible for several abscessed teeth found in her mouth. Being quite rusty on my materia medica I am anxious to know if such could be the case.—M. C. P., New York.

A.—Belladonna decreases the flow of saliva, together with other secretions.

As a matter of clinical experience we find that caries increase with a decrease in the flow of saliva, particularly cervical caries. If the patient or dentist didn't check this carious action, the pulps might finally become involved, and the teeth become abscessed.

This then shows the possible relation of the administration of belladonna to abscessed teeth.— GEORGE R. WARNER.

#### **Burning Sensation**

Q-Will you kindly send me any information you can on the cause of a burning sensation on the side of the tongue? We have a patient who has been complaining of such a discomfort for some time. Neither her physician nor I can find a cause for this condition.

The patient wonders if it can be a few

metal restorations she has in her bicuspid teeth. I can see no reason for any irritation from these restorations and, since they are in perfect condition, I am reluctant to remove them. She has no molars on either side of the upper and lower jaw, and although some posterior teeth are needed badly, she is afraid to add any more metal until we are sure that it is not causing the condition described.

I should appreciate very much any information you can give me on this subject.—E. F. W., Connecticut.

A .- The symptoms cited in your letter tally closely with the so-called Costen<sup>3</sup> syndrome. These symptoms are usually caused by a diminishing of the vertical dimension and the consequent pressure of the condyle on the nerves and blood vessels passing through the temporomandibular joint,4 We find these symptoms are quite likely to occur in cases of loss of the mandibular molars only and of course a little more likely to occur perhaps. when there is a loss of molars of both jaws without replacement. As you can see, when these molars are gone the musculature of mastication pulls the posterior portion of the mandible sharply up and makes this undue pressure in the glenoid cavity. So it would be wise to make replacements of these missing molars and it might even be necessary to build up the bicuspids and increase the vertical dimension more than it would be increased by simply placing the partial dentures to replace the missing molar teeth.—George R. Warner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>James B. Costen, M.D., Saint Louis, has recorded and reported a number of such cases under the title, Glossodynia: Reflex Irritation From The Mandibular Joint as The Principal Etiologic Factor, Archives of Otolaryngology, November, 1935, pages 554, 564. Reprinted by the American Belical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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### Radiolucent Area

Q-I shall appreciate your advice on the following case: The patient is a man, 27, and in good health, but rather suspeptible to caries and has many restorations. The tooth in question is an upper left central incisor. While removing an old porcelain restora-

tion, I discovered a putrescent pulp. I did not go into the contents of the canal at the first treatment; I just enlarged the opening into the pulp chamber and sealed in a dressing of oxpara mixture to sterilize. At the next treatment the odor was all gone and I found the coronal half of the canal contents was non-vital while the apical half had sensation in it. I made the enclosed roentgenogram and found what appears to be an area of lesser density about the root of that tooth. Does that have any significance at all, in view of other findings?

I have treated the tooth with expara several times and have cleaned out the contents of the canal to the apex. The tooth is com-

fortable and I hesitate to extract it.

The adjacent lateral was extracted under nitrous oxide last March and a bridge placed. The reason for the extraction of the lateral was a sudden and unexpected swelling of the face, which cleared up after the extraction.

Do you advise extraction of the upper left central incisor on account of the radiolucent area, or, would you say that this has no particular significance?

I have considered the alternative of filling the root canal and checking with a roentgenogram every three months for the next year or two.—M. R. K., New York.

A.—You handled the case well, which you presented in your letter, and, if it were not for one unusual condition, that is, a lateral canal, you could probably root fill the tooth and give the patient its use for at least a few years.

However, under the circumstances, having an apparently large



lateral canal, with a good sized radiolucent area at its orifice, with probable destruction of the peridental membrane and cementum, it would seem wise to remove the tooth.—George R, Warner,

### **Mouth Breathing**

Q—I have a patient, a child, who is an imbecile. This child has all her permanent teeth, which are in good condition. Recently the child's physician sent her to me for orthodontic treatments. She has a slight protrusion of the maxillary teeth, which I believe I can correct.

The mother has told me that the child has been a mouth breather since birth.

Could you please tell me if there are any appliances, which I could use to make the child breath through her nose or where I could find any more information.—J. F. V. C., Illinois.

A.—It seems perfectly ridiculous to me to think of doing orthodontia for an imbecile child or of bothering about the mouth breathing either. But if anything is to be done about the mouth breathing no doubt a nose and throat specialist should be consulted.—V. C. SMED-LEY.

#### Trauma

Q—I have a case which to me is rather unusual and should appreciate any information you could give me about it. I have a college boy about 20, whose four upper and four lower anterior teeth are aching quite severely. I have examined these teeth closely, have made roent-genograms, but have failed to find any trouble at all. They respond normally to the pulp tester and have no restorations in them. His upper wisdom teeth are erupted. The third molar on the lower right is erupted and the one on the lower left is impacted, horizontally.

This young man is a football player. Last fall he received a kick which loosened these teeth to some extent. They have been bothering him for the past week and a half.

Any information you can give in regard to this case will be greatly appreciated.—W. A. H., Mississippi.

A.—I would suggest that you examine these incisor teeth carefully for trauma and disk them down until they just clear. It is sometimes necessary to repeat the grinding or discing several times at two or three week intervals before traumatized teeth will completely recover. If comfort cannot be provided by this means, (or perhaps anyway) the impacted third molar should be removed—V. C. SMEDLEY.

### **Bleaching Teeth**

Q—Is there anything other than pyrozone that I could use to bleach a tooth? The manufacturers make its directions seem so dangerous that I hesitate trying it. I should appreciate your answer on this. If there is nothing else, how do

you go about using pyrozone.—P. I. G., Pennsylvania.

A .- We have used pyrozone for bleaching teeth in our office for twenty or thirty years and have never experienced any harmful ef. fects or serious difficulties with it. I am sure that, if you will follow the simple precaution of holding the sealed glass carpule in a cold wet towel when the seal is broken and then observe the following simple directions, you will have no trouble in securing a satisfactory result: With the rubber dam in position throughout the entire procedure, sterilize and fill the apical two-thirds of the canal, enlarge pulp chamber considerably, fill with loose cotton, and seal it in with hot temporary stopping. With a hot blunt instrument, melt a hole through the center of the temporary stopping and carry several drops of pyrozone between the beaks of a long-nosed operating pliers into the cotton filling the pulp chamber. Seal it in by fusing the hole through the temporary stopping. Sometimes one such application will suffice, seldom more than three at two or three day intervals will be required.-V. C. SMEDLEY.

#### Discoloration

Q—It seems to me that the case I am describing I have read something about at some time or other in ORAL HYGIENE. However, I can't remember the treatment, or where I placed that particular copy of ORAL HYGIENE.

My dental assistant has recently experienced a darkening of the gingina, intermingling with the natural pink color. This darkening seems to be more prevalent running toward the interproximal spaces.

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this, and so far have had no success at all. The patient is quite dark herself, having dark eyes, hair and complexion. This is about all the information I can give you regarding this condition and what particulars might lead to it.—T. R. C. Illinois.

A.—Pigmentation or a black discoloration of the gums can be

caused by the use of charcoal as a dentifrice, from silver nitrate or other silver salts used as a mouth wash or throat spray, or it sometimes occurs in dark-complexioned people from no determinable or preventable cause.—V. C. SMED-LEY.

#### WE STAND EXPOSED\*

JOHN SHEA'S TEETH, according to the hit-and-miss American rule, are his own funeral. That word "funeral" is slang; also it is a sad reality. The cold grave for a generation past has been swallowing more victims of bad teeth than anybody but the dentists know.

Well, then, John Shea's demise itself is his own "funeral." So we used to think. Now we are not so sure.

John Shea is the New York boy who wanted to fight for his country but couldn't because his teeth were bad. His patriotism was equal to a day with the dentist, in course of which the sky fell on him to the tune of the following: Four teeth filled, five crowns repaired, two bridges built and installed. Then back to the army the patriotic John Shea goes.

Till a war threat stirred him, John Shea, 23 years old, was going about with that wreck of dental equipment in his mouth. That, in the old view, was his own "funeral." Was it his own "funeral?"

This wreck of a mouth was losing his country, in an hour of need, a soldier. John Shea's "own funeral" was thus contributing to the funeral of his country. His country, obviously, had a stake in John Shea's teeth. They were not John Shea's "funeral" alone.

A mass of diseased teeth such as John Shea was carrying around would ultimately wreck the vitality and the health of John Shea. If he is the average John Shea, the cost of the wreckage will fall, in time, on the community. The bill may come in form of public support of hospitals, or of a relief dole. His premature funeral may have to be at public cost. Even if John Shea supports himself, his strength will not be great. His country will lose by his lost efficiency.

John Shea and his community and country are, in fact, joint victims of John Shea's neglected teeth. If John Shea lacks the enterprise or the cash to keep his teeth in shape, his country, as well as himself, pays the penalty.

What to do about it? We do not now suggest, save to say that, to begin with, there's something serious to think about.

<sup>\*</sup>Editorial, Miami Daily News, January 26, 1941.

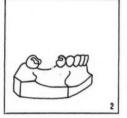
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Simplified Precision Bridgework in case where teeth are tipped, by Chas. S. Cuden, D.D.S.



The type of case—the molar tipped forward.



Prepare inlays in usual manner without caution as to parallel preparation.



Take colloid impression in manner shown in February Technique of the Month.



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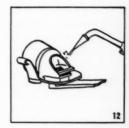
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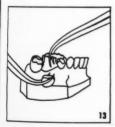
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### Laffodontia

"I'm fed up on that," said the baby as he pointed to his high chair.

A farmer was visiting a Mexican settlement after some years' absence.

Talking to an old friend on a ranch, he said, "So old Buff's gone. Did you miss him?"

"No," replied the other. "That's why he's gone—I never miss."

The new boarder appeared at a boarding house last week and he was not too modest about himself.

New Boarder: "Why, when I left my last boarding house the landlady wept salty tears about it."

Landlady: "That won't happen here. We always collect board in advance."

Norman (playing bridge): "The next time you bid no trump, I'm going to take you out."

Jane: "Oh, Norman! And there's such a heavenly moon too!"

Doctor: "I don't like to mention it, but the check you gave me has come back."

Patient: "Well, that sure is funny, Doc! So has my lumbago."

Doctor: "I've altered your medicine, Junior. It's tablets, not pills."

Junior (complaining): "But I want pills."

Doctor: "Why? There's no difference!"

Junior: "Isn't there? Have you tried blowing tablets through a pea shooter?" An enthusiastic golfer came home to dinner. During the meal his wife said: "Junior tells me he caddied for you this afternoon."

And the golfer replied: "Just think of that! I knew I had seen that boy before!"

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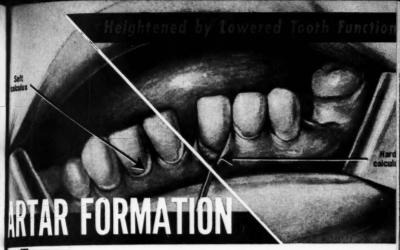
Dealer: "Can he talk? Why, a woman's club sold him to me because all the members were jealous of him."

Guest: "Waiter, the service is terrible. You gave that fat man at the table next to mine a steak twice as large as the one you brought me. Where's the manager?"

Waiter: "That fat guy's the manager."

Caller: "Did you say your husband was fond of those clinging gowns?"

Mrs. Keller: "Yes. He likes one to cling for about three years."



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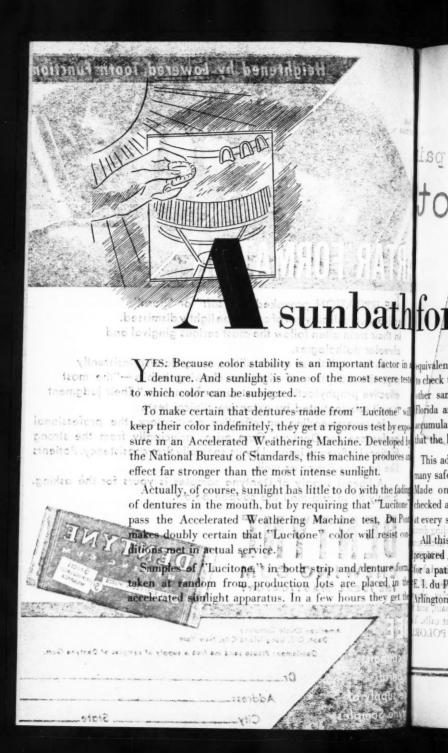
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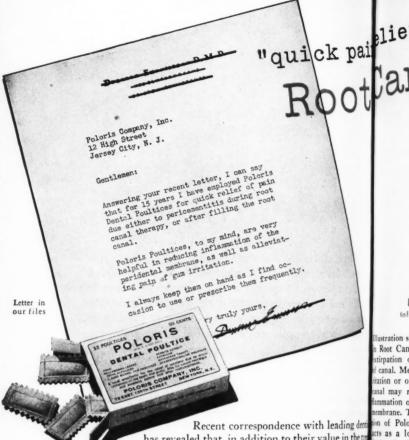
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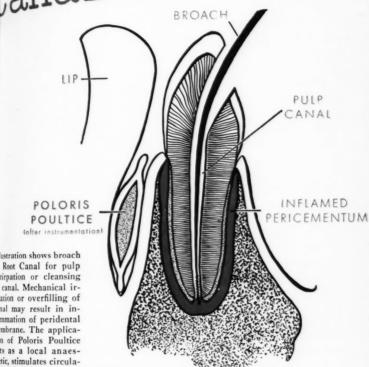
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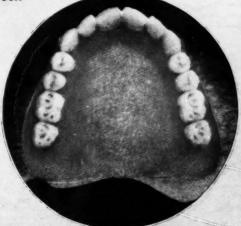
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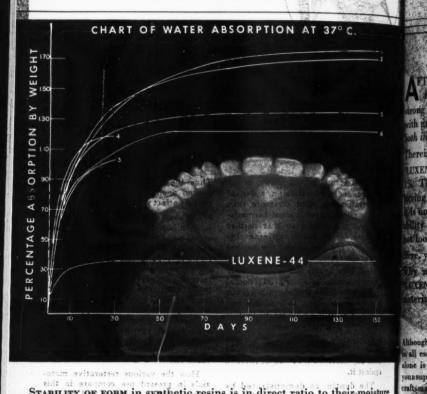
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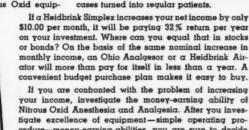
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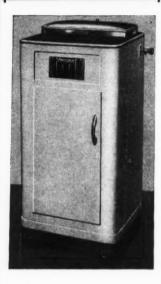
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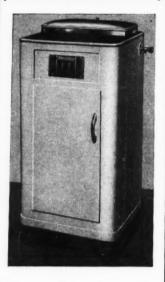
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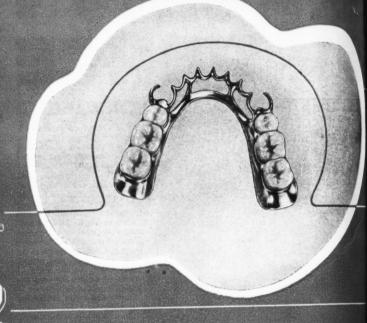
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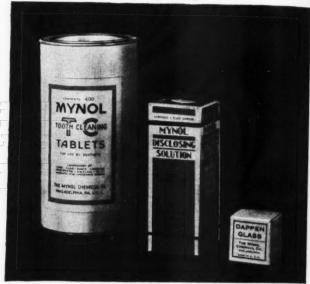
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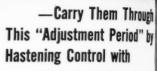


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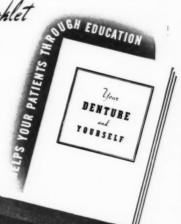
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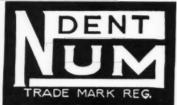
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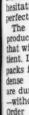
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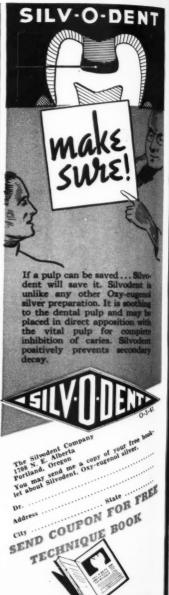
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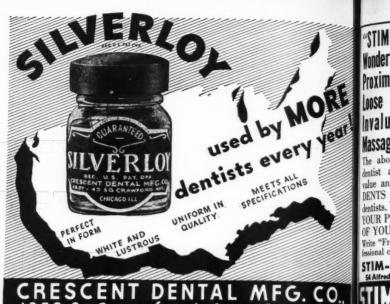
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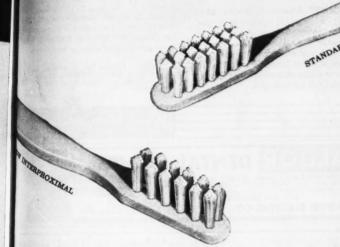
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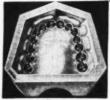
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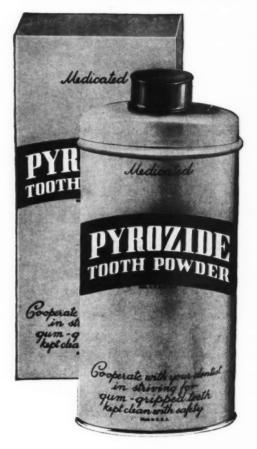
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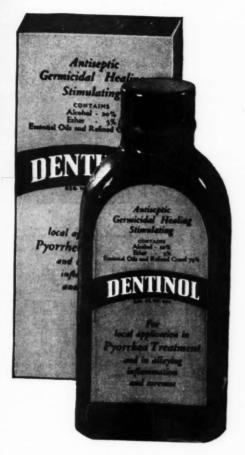
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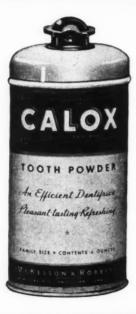
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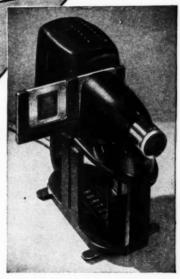
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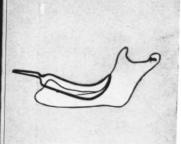
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PUBLISHING IS AN interesting business, a strange business in many ways; it is seldom monotonous, even in a little field like ours. True, in the main you do pretty much the same things day after day; in general, one month is very like another, year in and year out. But a life that would be sort of ringaround-the-rosy, is fortunately, spiced with odd episodes. Certainly ours is, here at ORAL HYGIENE; and bigger papers in bigger fields likely have even more of this quite welcome excitement.

For example, a while ago there came in the morning mail what looked to be just a routine request

for advertising rates. But it was signed by a so-called association of dentists of which we had never heard, so caution dictated the wisdom of having a look before we leaped. ORAL HYGIENE'S eastern manager, Sam Stanley, took the first look; then he asked Frank Brock to do some investigating Frank is an old friend of ours; in the early days, he used to do some writing for dental journals, but now he is in the big time and you see his by-line on Reader's Digest articles and in other national papers. Investigating is one of the things Frank most loves to do. He worked with Samuel Hopkins Adams years ago, and was for a long time with the Better Business Bureau. So it was fun for him to call upon this new dental association for us.

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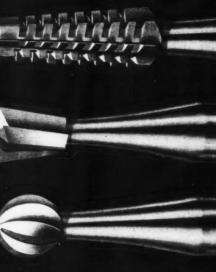


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